

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 58-61 as follows:

A5 58. The array of precisely aligned read/write heads of Claim 57, wherein at least one of the light sources comprises a laser.

59. The array of precisely aligned read/write heads of Claim 58, wherein the laser is selected from the group consisting of a semiconductor laser, a side-emitting semiconductor laser, a vertical cavity surface emitting laser (VCSEL), a solid-state laser and a fiber laser.

60. The array of precisely aligned read/write heads of Claim 58, wherein the laser comprises a vertical cavity surface emitting laser (VCSEL) including a vertical cavity defined by a rear distributed Bragg reflector (DBR) and the plasmon-enhanced device.

61. The array of precisely aligned read/write heads of Claim 58, wherein the laser comprises an output mirror and a rear mirror, and wherein the plasmon-enhanced device is provided on the output mirror.

Please add new Claims 76-77 as follows:

A6 76. The read/write head of Claim 40, further comprising a waveguide for guiding light from the light source to the plasmon-enhanced device.

77. The array of precisely aligned read/write heads of Claim 57, further comprising a waveguide for guiding light from the light source to the plasmon-enhanced device.